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In re the Application of

Francois MALLET et al.

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Docket No.: 112062

For: METHOD FOR DETECTING THE EXPRESSION OF AN ENVELOPE PROTEIN OF A HUMAN
ENDOGENOUS RETROVIRUS AND USES OF A GENE CODING FOR SAID PROTEIN

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 4th - 5th EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

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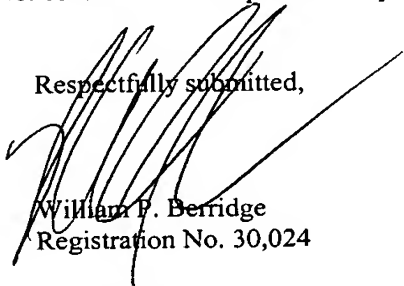
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